

# REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

# LUNATIC ASYLUM,

FOR THE

## Borough of Birmingham,

AS PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

BEING THEIR

## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT;

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT AND CHAPLAIN;

ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF THE

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS TO THE END OF THE YEAR 1868.

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# Borough of Birmingham Lunatic Asylum.

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## COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

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MRS. KNIGHT, MATRON.



# Lunatic Asylum Committee of Visitors.

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E I G H T E E N T H

## ANNUAL REPORT,

*To the Council of the Borough, for the Year 1868.*

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The “Lunatic Asylum Act, 1853,” directs, that the Committee of Visitors shall in every year lay before the Council of the Borough a Report of the state and condition of the Asylum; its sufficiency for the number of Lunatics for whom it may be requisite to provide accommodation; the care of the Patients confined therein; the Management, &c.

Your Committee have therefore to report, that on the 1st of January, 1868, the number of Patients in the Asylum

was	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	589
Patients admitted in the year	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	216	
„ under treatment in the year	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	805	
„ discharged	„	.	.	.	.	.	.	120	
„ died	„	.	.	.	.	.	.	70	
							Total	190	
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Patients remaining, December 31st, 1868	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	615	
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They were chargeable as follows :—

Birmingham Parish	.	.	.	.	.	449
Birmingham Borough	.	.	.	.	.	14
Aston, in the Borough	.	.	.	.	.	73
King's Norton ditto	.	.	.	.	.	7
Total of Patients chargeable to Birmingham	.	.	.	.	.	543

Brought forward	.	.	.	543
Leicester Union	.	.	.	23
Strand Union	.	.	.	1
Private Patients	.	.	.	48
Total not chargeable to Birmingham	.	.	—	72
Total				615

The number of Patients admitted in the year was 216, against 238 in 1867; the number discharged 120, against 148; and of deaths 70, against 78 for the same period.

Of the Patients now in the Asylum, there is an increase of 25 chargeable to the parish of Birmingham, over the number chargeable thereto on the 31st December, 1867; also an increase of 3 to the Birmingham Borough Fund, and of 7 to the Union of Aston; a decrease of 1 to King's Norton Union, of 6 to outlying parishes, and of 2 to private patients, being an increase of 26 in the year.

The average daily number of Patients resident through the year was the same as in 1867, viz., 602. The Asylum is provided and furnished for 632 patients, viz., 298 males and 334 females. At one period of the year it was found necessary to put four other beds in the wards for female patients; but this arrangement is only temporary, as the dormitories in which they are placed do not afford sufficient space for them to remain.

The following Table of the number of pauper lunatics in the Asylum on the 31st of December in each year, from 1860 to 1868, chargeable to Birmingham, will show the increase in this class :—

1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868
313	355	378	424	443	475	492	511	543

Of other pauper lunatics, chargeable to the parish of Birmingham at the above periods, your Committee learn, from the returns made to them by the Medical Officers of the Parish, of lunatics in the Workhouse, and others living with their friends, as follows :—

1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868
100	143	142	161	199	199	211	266	260



The Income for 1868 is as follows :—

For Maintenance, Clothing, Care, and Medical Treatment of Pauper Patients . . . . .	£12,703	0	5
Maintenance, Care, and Medical Treatment of Private Patients . . . . .	1,590	1	4
Goods sold from the House, and Discounts allowed on paid accounts . . . . .	101	7	0
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Total Receipts on Maintenance Account	£14,394	8	9
By Expenditure for Maintenance, Clothing, Care, and Medical Treatment, &c., &c. . . . .	13,418	19	9
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Balance on Maintenance Account . . . . .	£975	9	0
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The Farm and Garden Account for the year is as follows :—

Receipts from Farm and Garden (with Stock)	£4,806	8	3
Expenditure on this account (with Stock) . . . . .	4,395	10	1
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Balance on Farm and Garden Account . . . . .	£410	18	2
Balance on Maintenance Account brought down	975	9	0
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Total balance on the year's transactions . . . . .	1,386	7	2
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During the year the amount expended on Building Account, though not chargeable to Maintenance Account, is £1,526 6s. 5d. This has been paid from surplus principally derived from the charges made for out-Borough and Private Patients, in excess of 8s. 6d. per week, as charged for the patients of Birmingham.

The Treasurer's Account on the 1st of January, 1869, is as follows :—

To Amount due to Treasurer . . . . .	£2,480	8	5
To Tradesmen's Accounts for Dec. Quarter . . . . .	1,625	1	7
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Total	£4,105	10	0
By Amount due to Treasurer (Parish accounts)	3,208	15	1
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Balance due to Treasurer . . . . .	£896	14	11
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The Committee feel it their duty to state that the profit derived from outlying patients cannot be relied on in the future ; the balance therefore in favour of the Asylum must necessarily be very much diminished.

The Asylum has been closed against the admission of pauper lunatics (not of Birmingham) throughout the year ; and those now in the Asylum, chargeable to the Union of Leicester, will in all probability be shortly removed to the new Asylum provided for that Borough.

As a matter of duty to the ratepayers of the Borough, your Committee continue to admit as private patients such as may require accommodation ; of this class there are now 48 in the Asylum.

In compliance with the Act before quoted, your Committee thus submit to the Council the present state of lunacy in the Borough, and the provisions made for the reception of this unfortunate class.

The weekly charge for maintenance, clothing, medical treatment, and care of patients, has been the same as charged for the last eight years, viz., 8s. 6d. to parishes in Birmingham, 14s. to outlying parishes, and 8s. 9d. to 21s. for private patients.

The average weekly cost per patient during the past year was 8s. 6½d., against 8s. 5¾d. for the year 1867. This cost is made up as follows :—

	s.	d.
Provisions per patient per week . . . . .	4	4½
Provisions for officers, attendants, and servants, per patient per week . . . . .	0	9¼
Salaries of officers, attendants, and servants, per patient per week . . . . .	1	3½
Necessaries, as fuel, lighting, washing, &c., per patient per week . . . . .	0	10¼
Surgery and dispensary, per patient per week . . . . .	0	0¾
Clothing „ „ . . . . .	0	7½
Furniture and Bedding „ „ . . . . .	0	4½
Repairs of building, wages, materials, &c. . . . .	0	2¼
Total	8	6½
Less sales, discounts, and profit on farm and garden	0	3¾
Actual cost . . . . .	8	2¾



At the Farm, during the year, 63 oxen, 280 sheep, 129 pigs, and 11 calves were slaughtered, and the meat consumed in the House. From the long drought during the summer months, there was a great falling-off in the root crop; the quantity of potatoes grown was 874 bushels, against 1,745 bushels in the former year. The other crops suffered in a like manner.

The buildings are in good repair, and, with the exception of the wearing out of some of the tile floors in the male wards, and passages, no repairs have been required to the original structure since handed over by the architect, now nineteen years ago. The roofs, spouts, &c., were inspected (as usual) in the spring and autumn of the year, and the customary wear and tear attended to; the ventilation and drainage continue satisfactory, and the general health of the inmates has been good.

During the year a new set of 4-inch pumps was substituted, at a cost of £42, in place of the old 3-inch ones worn out, and now the establishment is supplied by them from the well with from 25,000 to 30,000 gallons of good water per day.

The boundary wall in Lodge Road, and on the towing-path of the branch arm of the canal, of 647 yards, has been erected in the year by Messrs. J. Barnsley and Sons, at a cost of £956 19s. 9d.; the remaining portion of wall required to complete the boundary, and make private the land in front of the Asylum, is about 500 yards; and it is the opinion of your Committee that this should be completed, in order that the land lately purchased may be laid out as proposed. When this work is done, and the land levelled according to the plan of Mr. Knight, the steward, the whole can be irrigated and manured by the sewage from the Workhouse, which passes through these grounds, and can be applied to about twenty acres of grass and vegetable land, through canals, by gravitation, so as to serve any portion of the land with the quantity required at any time.

During the past year this sewage has been applied to a portion of the grass land; and through the summer drought (when on the neighbouring lands there was not a blade of green grass to be found), 14 cows and 2 horses were kept at pasture, and about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres were laid down for mowing, from which 3 crops of about 8 tons of hay and 3 tons of green fodder were obtained. It is the opinion of Mr.

Knight, the clerk and steward of the Asylum, that if this land is laid out, and the sewage applied as proposed, sufficient grass may be cut to keep the cattle in stalls through the summer, and hay gathered for their winter consumption. The kitchen garden would also be materially benefited by application of the sewage; and as there is an abundance for both these purposes, and the form of the land is such that but little labour or cost would be required in applying it, it is a question if (as heretofore) this manurial liquid should be lost, when every facility is offered for applying it to the land; its estimated value has been set down at £200 per annum.

The Asylum was visited and inspected by two of the Commissioners in Lunacy in May last; and in their Report they state: "In conclusion, we have to remark that the Committee have lately, and in our opinion very properly, refused further admission to out-borough patients, the present numbers leaving only 21 vacant beds—18 on the male side, and only 3 on the female side. The question of enlargement has been also entertained during the past year, but has been suspended till more is known with certainty of the legislation now contemplated as to pauper lunatics in provincial workhouses." Your Committee, in their last Annual Report, informed the Council, "That they had considered the question of enlarging the Asylum, and had plans submitted to them giving further accommodation for 100 patients of each sex, which plans were approved." They now report that the same reason which induced them to postpone this question still exists.

The House Visitors, appointed from your Committee, have visited the Institution at uncertain periods through the year, and their reports testify to the satisfactory state of the wards and patients at each visit.

The usual detailed Tabular Statements will be found appended to this Report, together with the Reports of the Medical Superintendent and Chaplain, to which your Committee must refer the Council for further information of the several departments of the Asylum.

The Committee take this opportunity to inform the Council that, in consequence of the crowded state of the Asylum, it is absolutely essential that additional accommodation should be provided at the earliest possible period.

HENRY MANTON, *Chairman.*



DIETARY.

BREAKFAST AT 7.45 A.M.—For each patient, 1 pint of Coffee, 6 oz. Bread, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. Butter.

LUNCH AT 11 A.M.—To patients employed, 4 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint Beer.

DINNER AT 1 P.M.—

<i>Sunday</i>	Males —9 oz.	Meat (roasted, free from bone), 16 oz.	Vegetables, 3 oz.	Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Beer.
"	Females—8 oz.	Meat ditto	12 oz. ditto	ditto
<i>Monday</i>	Males —16 oz.	Suet Pudding, made with Currants, Raisins, and sweet dip, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Beer.		
"	Females—12 oz.	ditto	ditto	ditto
<i>Tuesday</i>	Males —8 oz.	Meat (boiled), with Vegetables, Bread, and Beer, same as Sunday.		
"	Females—7 oz.	ditto (ditto)	ditto	ditto
* <i>Wednesday</i>	Males —8 oz.	Meat (ditto)	ditto	ditto
"	Females—7 oz.	ditto (ditto)	ditto	ditto
<i>Thursday</i>	Males —4 oz.	Meat made into Pie, 8 oz. Potatoes, 12 oz. paste, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Beer.		
"	Females—3 oz.	ditto	6 oz. ditto	9 oz. ditto
<i>Friday</i>	Males —8 oz.	Meat, same as on Tuesday.		
"	Females—7 oz.	ditto		
* <i>Saturday</i>	Males —8 oz.	Meat ditto		
"	Females—7 oz.	ditto		

\*On *Wednesday* and *Saturday*, one-eighth of the patients have each 1 pint of Soup, 6 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint Beer.

The Meat is principally slaughtered at the Farm, and consists of Beef, Mutton, Pork, and Veal—sometimes Fish, Poultry, or Game, is given in place of Meat. Rhubarb or Apples also are given in the season, in place of Currants and Raisins. The Vegetables (as in season) are potatoes, parsnips, turnips, greens, peas, beans, &c., also lettuce, radishes, onions, &c.

4 o'clock—The Males employed have  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of Beer, from Lady-day to Michaelmas-day.

TEA AT 5.45 P.M.—For each patient, 1 pint of Tea, with Bread and Butter, same as at Breakfast.

*Extra Diet as per Medical Order.*

# BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

## SALARIES AND WAGES, 1868.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries to Officers, Attendants, and Servants . . . . .	2024	9	6
Wages to Baker and Brewer . . . . . <i>vide</i> Maintenance Account	123	10	0
„ „ Tailors & Shoemakers . . . . . „ Clothing Account .	192	8	0
„ „ Artizans . . . . . „ Building Account .	241	16	1
„ „ Farm Labourers . . . . . „ Farm Account . .	395	4	11
„ „ Bricklayers . . . . . „ Buildg. Capital Account	29	3	5
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## PAYMENTS, viz.—

	£	s.	d.
Chaplain . . . . .	125	0	0
Medical Superintendent . . . . .	400	0	0
Clerk and Steward . . . . .	200	0	0
Matron . . . . .	80	0	0
Assistant Medical Officer . . . . .	152	1	0
Assistant Clerk . . . . .	100	14	0
Storekeeper . . . . .	33	14	2
Male Attendants . . . . .	399	18	8
Female do. . . . .	275	1	5
Laundresses . . . . .	45	0	0
Cook . . . . .	18	16	3
Housemaids . . . . .	21	0	0
Kitchenmaid . . . . .	10	14	0
Male Night Attendant . . . . .	65	0	0
Barber . . . . .	39	0	0
Stoker . . . . .	58	10	0
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## MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT:—

Baker and Brewer. . . . .	65	0	0
Assistant ditto . . . . .	58	10	0
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Carried forward £2147 19 6

## BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

SALARIES AND WAGES—*continued.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward				2147	19	6
CLOTHING ACCOUNT:—						
Tailor . . . . .	70	4	0			
Assistant ditto . . . . .	52	0	0			
Shoemaker . . . . .	70	4	0			
	<hr/>			192	8	0
BUILDING REPAIRS ACCOUNT:—						
Engineer . . . . .	78	0	0			
Carpenter . . . . .	78	0	0			
Assistant ditto—9 weeks . . . . .	13	5	0			
Painter . . . . .	71	2	6			
Bricklayer to Oven . . . . .	1	8	7			
	<hr/>			241	16	1
FARM AND GARDEN ACCOUNT:—						
Farm Man and Wife . . . . .	52	0	0			
Gardener and Wife . . . . .	71	10	0			
Assistant Gardener . . . . .	53	11	8			
Farm Labourers . . . . .	147	14	2			
Pigman, &c. . . . .	44	16	2			
Wheelwright . . . . .	6	11	3			
Potato-planters and Getters . . . . .	19	1	8			
	<hr/>			395	4	11
BUILDING CAPITAL ACCOUNT:—						
Bricklayer . . . . .				29	3	5



MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS, 1868.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yr.'s Average.
Men .	269	271	275	274	276	276	278	278	276	276	279	284	276
Women	321	319	322	325	327	327	330	327	329	329	328	328	326
Total .	590	590	597	599	603	603	608	605	605	605	607	612	602

Highest Number of Patients in the Asylum in the year, December 31	.	614
Lowest	February 9	585

### MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED.

	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Yr.'s Average.
Men .	116	109	118	116	115	114	114	113	116	133	122	122	118
Women	203	203	203	204	205	207	206	203	204	206	202	202	204
Total .	319	312	321	320	320	321	320	316	320	339	324	324	322

YEARLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FROM THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM.

	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868
Patients	246	270	272	283	281	295	312	345	353	346	360	400	483	532	565	586	602	602

Total of Patients admitted from the opening of the Asylum	.	3339
Ditto ditto discharged	.	2849
Ditto ditto died	.	876

# BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

ARTICLES MADE IN TAILORS' AND UPHOLSTERERS'  
SHOP, 1868.

			s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jackets and Coats	.	.	127	at	3	0	...	19	1	0	
Waistcoats	.	.	123	„	2	0	...	12	6	0	
Trousers	.	.	184	„	3	0	...	27	12	0	
Strong Suits	.	.	8	„	7	0	...	2	16	0	
Braces	.	(prs)	219	„	0	3	...	2	14	9	
Shirts, strong	.	.	8	„	1	6	...	0	12	0	
Blankets, strong	.	.	9	„	2	0	...	0	18	0	
Rugs, quilted	.	.	1	„	12	0	...	0	12	0	
Counterpanes, stitched	.	.	82	„	0	2	...	0	13	8	
Blankets, do.	.	.	170	„	0	2	...	1	8	4	
Mattresses and Cases made	.	.	14	„	1	6	...	1	1	0	
Sundries	.	.						1	6	3	

WORK DONE IN SHOEMAKERS' SHOP.

			s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Men's Boots made	(prs)	41	at	3	0 ...	6	3 0
" " repaired	"	1274	"	1	6 ...	95	11 0
Women's Boots made	"	117	"	2	0 ...	11	14 0
" " repaired		574	"	1	0 ...	28	14 0
Men's Slippers made	"	3	"	2	0 ...	0	6 0
Women's " made	"	4	"	1	6 ...	0	6 0
Sundry Repairs .	.	.				0	11 0
						143	5 0

## BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

## NEEDLEWORK BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS, 1868.

ARTICLES.	Made	At		Total.			Reprs.	At		Total.		
		s.	d.	£	s.	d.		s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aprons . . .	602	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	17	7	3653	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	7	7	2
Bonnets (trimmed) .	216	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	0	13	6	1293	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	13	10
Drawers . . .	17	0	2	0	2	10	704	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	4	0
Dresses . . .	572	1	0	28	12	0	4638	0	2	38	13	0
Caps . . .	553	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	14	7	1197	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	1	4	11
Chemises . . .	503	0	3	6	5	9	5034	0	1	20	19	6
Kerchiefs . . .	672	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	14	0	762	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	15	10
Night Gowns . . .	74	0	3	0	18	6	1773	0	1	7	7	9
Petticoats . . .	184	0	3	2	6	0	3192	0	1	13	6	0
Skirts . . .	240	0	3	3	0	0	1928	0	1	8	0	8
Scarves . . .	85	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	1	9	149	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	3	1
Shrouds . . .	76	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shawls . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	112	0	1	0	9	4
Shirts . . .	597	0	4	9	18	4	3397	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	21	4	7
Stays . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	762	0	1	3	3	6
Stockings, Men's (prs)	143	0	3	1	15	9	12546	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	26	2	9
Stockings „ (refooted)	156	0	2	1	6	0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stockings, Women's .	178	0	3	2	4	6	9546	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	19	17	9
Stockings „ (refooted)	50	0	2	0	8	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vests, Flannel . . .	56	0	4	0	18	8	659	0	1	2	14	11
Antimacassars . . .	84	0	4	1	8	0	12	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	6
Bolster and Pillow Cases	847	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	12	11	3591	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	7	9	7
Blankets . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	280	0	1	1	3	4
Counterpanes . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	377	0	1	1	11	5
Carpets . . .	21	0	1	0	1	9	52	0	1	0	4	4
Dusters and various Cloths	2459	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	2	11	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheets . . .	798	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	13	3	3636	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	7	11	6
Towels . . .	818	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	17	0	891	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	18	7
Table Cloths . . .	54	0	1	0	4	6	626	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	1
Window Blinds . . .	21	0	1	0	1	9	142	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	5	11
Window Valances ,	7	0	6	0	3	6	24	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	3	0
Sundry other work .	—	—	—	2	0	0	—	—	—	2	10	0
	10083	—	—	£74	13	7	60976	—	—	£199	12	10

# BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

## PATIENTS EMPLOYED, AND VALUE OF LABOUR, 1868.

EMPLOYMENT.	Males.	Females.	No. of Days Employed.	At per day.	Value.	
				d.	£	s. d.
On the Grounds, and Farm Helpers	32	—	304	3	121	12 0
House and Gallery Cleaners	62	41	313	1	134	6 7
House, Surgery, and Town Porters	4	—	313	4	20	17 4
In the Bakehouse	2	—	350	6	17	10 0
Stores	8	—	313	3	31	6 0
Engineer's Shop	3	—	290	6	21	15 0
Carpenter's ditto	—	—	—	—	—	—
Painter's ditto	1	—	308	6	7	14 0
Tailor's and Upholsterer's Shop	4	—	305	6	30	10 0
Shoemaker's Shop	2	—	270	6	13	10 0
Needlewomen	—	103	306	2	262	13 0
Knitters	—	19	306	$\frac{1}{2}$	12	2 3
Assistants in Cooking Kitchen	—	10	365	4	60	16 8
Laundry and Washhouse	—	31	312	4	161	4 0
	118	204			895	16 10



# BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 1868; WITH ADMISSIONS,  
DISCHARGES, DEATHS, INCOME FOR MAINTENANCE, &c.

PARISHES, UNIONS, &c.	Jan. 1.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Dec. 31.	At	Maintenance Account.	
Birmingham Parish	424	151	78	48	449	8/6	£	d.
Birmingham Borough	11	6	2	1	14	8/6	9786	4 6
Aston Union	66	30	12	11	73	8/6	307	0 1
King's Norton Union	8	1	2	—	7	8/6	1499	0 6
Leicester Union	26	—	—	3	23	14/—	165	3 10
Ludlow Union	3	—	3	—	—	14/—	881	15 6
Strand Union	1	—	—	—	1	14/—	29	2 0
Private Patients	50	28	23	7	48	8/9 to 21/-	34	14 0
							1590	1 4
Total	589	216	120	70	615		14293	1 9



## BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

## EXPENDITURE, 1868.

<i>Salaries and Wages—</i>		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Officers, Attendants, and Servants . . .					2024	9	6
<i>Provisions—</i>							
Ale and Porter . . .	75 doz. & 2 casks .	15	13	0			
Ale (Home-brewed, <i>see Malt &amp; Hops</i> )	1,760 galls.						
Beer ditto . . .	23,890 „						
Bread (Home-made, <i>see Flour</i> )	230,666 lbs.						
Butter . . . . .	14,108½ „	723	19	2			
Cheese . . . . .	6,562¼ „	163	13	0			
Coffee . . . . .	1,779¼ „	85	5	4			
Chicory . . . . .	1,083½ „	27	10	4			
Corn Flour . . . . .	201 „	4	19	4			
Currants . . . . .	1,620½ „	18	8	10			
Eggs . . . . .	2,655 „	10	15	4			
Flour . . . . .	13,898 stone	1652	15	4			
Fish . . . . .		54	3	9			
Fruit . . . . .		34	2	8			
Hops . . . . .	1,733 lbs.	99	3	10			
Malt . . . . .	1,436 bush.	612	13	0			
Milk . . . . .	6,789¾ galls.	246	3	4			
Mustard . . . . .	210½ lbs.	6	8	0			
Meat (Beef) . . . . .	61,701 „	1706	9	10			
„ (Mutton) . . . . .	30,385¼ „	851	12	0			
„ (Pork) . . . . .	15,158 „	442	2	2			
„ (Veal) . . . . .	4,116½ „	108	11	0			
„ (Bacon) . . . . .	2,916⅜ „	86	11	1			
Poultry and Game . . . . .		36	16	0			
Potatoes . . . . .	1,679¾ bush.	371	2	4			
Pepper . . . . .	34 lbs.	1	2	4			
Pea-Flour, Oatmeal, &c. . . . .	364 „	3	5	7			
Rice . . . . .	347 „	2	18	11			
Raisins . . . . .	1,640¼ „	24	7	4			
Sago . . . . .		0	19	6			
Salt and Saltpetre . . . . .	104½ cwt	8	5	10			
Spirits . . . . .		6	13	8			
Spices . . . . .		10	5	4			
Sugar . . . . .	14,140¾ lbs.	214	17	10			
Sugar (Lump) . . . . .	87½ „	2	0	0			
Tea . . . . .	1,711 „	134	12	7			
Tobacco . . . . .	258 „	42	0	2			
Vegetables (from Garden) 12 mths. supply		128	13	8			
Vinegar . . . . .		2	17	8			
Wines . . . . .	4 doz.	6	8	5			
Wages (Baker and Brewer) . . . . .		123	10	0			
Tapioca . . . . .	24 lbs.	0	8	9			
Treacle . . . . .	255 „	2	5	5			
					8074	11	8
					£10,099	1	2

## BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward .				10,099	1	2
<i>Surgery and Dispensary—</i>							
	Drugs, Instruments, &c. . . . .				87	6	3
<i>Necessaries—</i>							
	Blacking . . . . . 12 gross.	2	1	6			
	Black Lead . . . . . 111 lbs.	1	5	5			
	Bath Bricks . . . . . 390	1	6	0			
	Blue . . . . . 58 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.	2	0	0			
	Brushes, for House use .	36	13	1			
	Brushes (Hair) and Combs .	4	14	11			
	Books, Printing, Stamps & Stationery .	101	6	2			
	Beeswax . . . . . 138 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	13	17	0			
	Candles . . . . . 129 „	2	16	5			
	Coals . . . . . 1,086 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons	589	14	3			
	Firewood . . . . . 1 ton	0	14	6			
	Gas . . . . . 2,390,600 cub. ft.	259	19	8			
	Matches . . . . . 5 gross.	2	0	0			
	Soap . . . . . 8,093 lbs.	124	9	1			
	„ Soft . . . . . 374 „	4	0	5			
	Soda . . . . . 5,024 $\frac{1}{2}$ „	14	19	2			
	Starch . . . . . 115 „	2	12	3			
	Scouring Flannel . . . . . 55 pieces	42	3	11			
	Sweeping Chimneys . . . . .	5	0	0			
	Music . . . . .	5	18	6			
	Sundries . . . . .	27	16	8			
	Yearly Auditing . . . . .	10	10	0			
	Carriage of Parcels . . . . .	17	0	5			
	Oil for Lamps . . . . . 22 galls.	4	17	0			
	Turpentine . . . . . 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ „	6	16	6			
	Waste Paper . . . . .	5	16	6			
	Bird Seed . . . . .	0	6	6			
	Advances, Recaptures, and Certifying to Patients	13	9	5			
	Funeral Expenses . . . . .	36	15	0			
					1341	0	3
<i>Clothing—</i>							
	Articles and Materials . . . . .	781	17	9			
	Wages of Tailor and Shoemaker . . . . .	192	8	0			
					974	5	9
<i>Furniture and Bedding—</i>							
	Bedding and Drapery Furniture . . . . .	320	3	7			
	Cabinet and other Furniture . . . . .	281	11	1			
					601	14	8
<i>Repairs of Building, &amp;c.—</i>							
	Material and Wages . . . . .				315	11	8
	Total Expenditure .	£13,418	19	9			

# BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH ASYLUM.

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1868.

Income.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
To Maintenance, Clothing, Medical Treatment, and care of Birmingham Patients	}	11,757	8	11	By Salaries and Wages ( <i>see Table of Salaries</i> )	.	2024	9	6
„ Maintenance, &c., of Pauper Patients not of Birmingham		945	11	6	„ Provisions	.	8074	11	8
„ Maintenance, &c., of Private Patients		1590	1	4	„ Surgery and Dispensary	.	87	6	3
„ Goods sold from the House, &c.		101	7	0	„ Necessaries (as coal, gas, brushes, soap, &c.)	.	1290	15	10
					„ Clothing	.	974	5	9
					„ Furniture and Bedding	.	601	14	8
					„ Advances to Patients, and Funeral Expenses	.	50	4	5
					„ Repairs of Building	.	315	11	8
					Balance	.	13,418	19	9
							975	9	0
							£14,394	8	9
Income per Patient per Week				9s. 2½d.	Expenditure per Patient per Week	.			8s. 6½d.
					Less Profit on Farm and Garden, Goods sold from House, &c.	.			0s. 3¾d.
					Actual Cost per Patient per Week	.			8s. 2¾d.

				SUPPLIES TO THE HOUSE—			
				<i>Meat—</i>	£	s.	d.
To Value of Live Stock, Dec. 31, 1867		£	s.	d.			
" Growing Crops ditto		422	6	0			
" Provender, &c. ditto		57	0	0			
" 615 Bushels of Potatoes, do.		105	17	0			
" Dead Stock ditto		107	12	6			
"		556	9	4			
<i>Cash Paid for Cattle, &amp;c.</i>					1249	4	10
" 4 Milking Cows & Calves	£91 10 0						
" 62 Beasts for Slaughter	1217 8 0						
To 290 Sheep for ditto		1308	18	0			
" 110 Pigs for ditto and stock		696	0	4			
"		244	10	0			
<i>Paid for Labour—</i>					2249	8	4
To Gardener and Assistant		125	1	8			
" Farm Man and Dairy Woman		52	0	0			
" Four Farm Labourers		192	10	4			
" Wheelwright		6	11	3			
" Potatoe-planters and Getters		19	1	8			
"		395	4	11			
<i>Provender—</i>							
To Corn, Meal, Bran, Cake, &c.		136	4	10			
" Hay, Straw, &c.		98	0	7			
" Grains and Pig Wash		105	8	3			
" Roots		22	9	9			
<i>Implements, Seeds, Repairs, and Sundries—</i>					362	3	5
To Manure, Lime, &c.		40	9	8			
" Seeds		9	15	2			
" Coal		21	1	4			
" Rates, Tithes, and Taxes		38	19	4			
" Implements, Veterinary, Shoeing, &c.		29	3	1			
"		139	8	7			
" Balance		410	18	2			
					£4806	8	3

  

				SUPPLIES TO THE HOUSE—			
				<i>Meat—</i>	£	s.	d.
				By 45662 lbs. Beef.	1331	16	2
				" 23169 " Mutton	675	15	3
				" 17124 " Pork	499	9	0
				" 1607 " Veal	46	17	5
					2553	17	10
				<i>Milk, &amp;c.—</i>			
				By 6879 $\frac{3}{4}$ gallons of Milk & Cream	246	3	4
				" 1281 $\frac{1}{8}$ " Milk to Prison	64	1	2
				" 1042 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Butter	78	3	5
					388	7	11
				By 1189 Bushels Potatoes to House	248	7	6
				" Green Vegetables ditto	124	14	0
				" Poultry and Eggs ditto	11	15	5
				" Hides, Skins, and Fat sold	£205	2	8
				" Sundries sold	40	2	2
					245	4	10
				By Value of Live Stock, 31st Dec., 1868	578	7	6
				" Farm Implements, ditto	191	18	6
				" Garden ditto ditto	37	12	3
				" Shrubs, Plants, Trees, &c.	250	0	0
				" Growing Crops, ditto	42	10	0
				" 300 Bushels Potatoes, ditto	67	10	0
				" Provender	66	2	6
					1234	0	9



## BUILDING, REPAIRS, MATERIALS, &amp;c.

*Not chargeable to Maintenance. (25 & 26 Vict. cap. 111. Sec. 6.)*

1868.	HEADS OF EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	To Timber for Canal Boundary . . . . .	10	5	0			
	,, Bricklayers' and Painters' Materials . . . . .	14	18	1			
					25	3	1
Feb.	,, Law Expenses on purchase of Land, 1867 . . . . .	43	11	7			
	,, Bricklayer, &c. . . . .	5	9	2			
					49	0	9
March	,, Paving Yard . . . . .	14	2	10			
	,, Insurance . . . . .	3	6	0			
					17	8	10
April	,, Timber for Boundary . . . . .	3	4	0			
	,, Slater . . . . .	2	18	0			
					6	2	0
May	,, Masonry, Glass, Paper Hangings, Castings, &c. . . . .				25	15	0
June	,, Water supplied by Company . . . . .	28	13	0			
	,, Paper Hangings . . . . .	4	19	3			
	,, New Pumps and Repairs of Well . . . . .	68	3	3			
	,, Bricklayer and Materials . . . . .	7	6	6			
					109	2	0
July	,, Chimney-Terminal, Drain-pipes, &c. . . . .	22	2	0			
	,, Timber for House and Farm Work . . . . .	15	15	11			
	,, Bricklayer and Materials . . . . .	2	19	9			
					40	17	8
Aug.	,, Furniture . . . . .	15	13	0			
	,, Work to Chimneys . . . . .	14	13	9			
	,, Bricklayer, Plasterer, and Materials . . . . .	11	12	9			
	,, Glass, Paper Hangings, &c. . . . .	2	17	1			
					44	16	7
Sept.	,, Timber . . . . .	22	13	10			
	,, Insurance . . . . .	16	0	3			
	,, Iron Castings, Workmen, &c. . . . .	24	5	2			
	,, Bricklayer and Materials . . . . .	10	18	11			
					73	18	2
Oct.	,, Queen's Taxes . . . . .	26	16	9			
	,, Washing Machine, Fittings, &c. . . . .	13	6	6			
	,, Repairs of Roofs and Plumbers' Work . . . . .	23	18	4			
					64	1	7
Nov.	,, Steam Pipes, Taps, &c. . . . .				8	8	6
Dec.	,, Castings, Fire-bricks, &c. . . . .	12	5	8			
	,, Building Boundary Wall . . . . .	956	19	9			
	,, Bank Interest . . . . .	92	6	10			
					1061	12	3
					£1526	6	5

The Accounts of the Treasurer, together with those of the Clerk and Steward of the Asylum, for the year 1868, have been audited by Benjamin Scott and Sons, public auditors, and reported by them to be "*correct and in order.*"



# Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

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## MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

GENTLEMEN,

The termination of the year 1868 imposes upon me the duty of laying before you the eighteenth annual report on the state and condition of your Asylum, together with the usual statistical tables.

The work of the Establishment has gone on smoothly during the past year. Its good sanitary condition was well kept up. There was no epidemic disorder to mar the good health usually enjoyed by its inmates, nor was its tranquility disturbed by any suicide or other untoward event.

The admissions during the year were 216,—consisting of 105 males, and 111 females, of which numbers 17 males and 11 females were private patients. With the 590 left at the end of 1867, there were 806 cases under treatment during the year. There were 8 re-admissions, and, including these, 38 had been in the Asylum more than once. The average daily number, including those absent on trial, was 605, precisely the same as the previous year; the numbers having been kept down by the quick discharge of recovered patients, as well as by the non-admission of out-borough cases. The highest number was 626, the lowest 590.

Eighty-eight patients were discharged recovered, which is 40 per cent. upon the admissions, being 3 per cent. above the average of

the previous 18½ years. Twenty-three others—10 per cent.—were discharged convalescent, or much improved.

The death-rate was not high. It was 11·5 per cent. upon the average number resident, which is a little below the average of the previous years. Of the 70 deaths which happened in the year, 24 were due to general paralysis, and 26 to other forms of brain disease. Four were caused by phthisis pulmonalis, and nine by other pulmonary affections. The remaining seven arose from cancer, psoas abscess, diarrhoea, caries of bone, suffocation in a fit, each one, and two from erysypelas.

For the first time since the Asylum opened the female death-rate exceeded the male. The gross mortality from the opening of the Asylum in 1850, calculated upon the admissions, is 31 per cent. for the males, against 20 per cent. for the females.

Three Inquests were held. In two the verdict was “died by the visitation of God.” One of these was a case which proved fatal soon after admission, the other a very sudden death from apoplexy. The third was the case of suffocation above alluded to. The patient, an epileptic of many years standing, three hours after dinner, was seized with a fit while sitting in the closet. The nurse, who was in the day room, was immediately called to her assistance by another patient, but on reaching her she was dead. On post-mortem examination, it was found that, during the paroxysm, some pulpy, nearly digested food, had been thrown up from the stomach, and drawn into the windpipe,—causing death by suffocation.

During the year, four births took place in the Asylum. All the mothers were married women except one, and all were pregnant on admission. One had twins.

Patients are occasionally admitted into the Asylum under regular order and certificate, in whom, after admission, no evidence of Insanity can be discovered. These are generally cases of temporary mania, passing off in the interval between the signing of the medical certifi-

cate and their admission into the Asylum. But last year two such patients were admitted, whose cases did not admit of the same satisfactory solution,—their history showing beyond a doubt that there had not been in either case any well-grounded reason at any time for calling them Lunatics.

The looseness with which medical certificates of Insanity are frequently drawn up, led me, long ago, to the opinion—strongly confirmed by these cases—that so important a matter as the certification of Lunatics—often very difficult, and one in which an error may embitter the whole future life of an individual, ought not to be entrusted to ordinary medical practitioners, but should be placed in the hands of experts—of men, who, having an intimate and practical acquaintance with the different phases of the malady, will be able to distinguish between real and feigned insanity, and will not be liable to errors, such as that of mistaking a natural outbreak of passion for an attack of maniacal excitement. This is a subject which cannot have escaped the notice of the Commissioners in Lunacy, who, it is probable, will in due time take steps to secure more care and greater precision in the framing of such certificates.

The house was nearly full throughout the year. On the female side it was found necessary, in order to meet the increasing demands upon it, to provide an additional number of beds, whereby that department was at times crowded beyond its legitimate and safe number. On reference to Table 8, it will be seen that an unusually large proportion of the patients now in the Asylum—more than one-fourth of the whole number—are epileptics. The presence of so many of that class, intermixed as they necessarily are throughout the house with other patients—the wards specially appropriated for their use being totally inadequate—very much embarrasses the classification, and also materially interferes with the treatment of the curable cases.

If an additional building were at once erected contiguous to the present epileptic wards, where there is ample room, it would give



accommodation for about one hundred patients on either side. This, for some years to come, would leave the Asylum open for the reception of out-borough patients, both pauper and private, at a considerable profit to the Institution; from which source a fund might be raised that would go far towards defraying the cost of the new building, whereas by delaying the measure until the demand becomes more urgent—until the *whole* space may be wanted for home-patients—no such advantageous result can be looked for. Unless such enlargement be promptly carried out, or accommodation for the increasing numbers be provided in some other way, it will soon become necessary not only to decline taking out-borough cases, but also all private patients—even though they may be resident in, and belong to, the Borough.

THOMAS GREEN,

*Medical Superintendent.*

*February 4th, 1869.*

# MEDICAL STATISTICS.

TABLE I.

ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1868.

	Private.		Pauper.		M.	F.	Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.			
In the Asylum, Jan. 1, 1868	27	23	243	297	270	320	590
Admitted for the first time	17	10	86	95	105	111	216
during the year . . . . .							
Re-admitted during the year .	—	1	2	5			
Total under care during the yr.	44	34	331	397	375	431	806
Recovered . . . . .	3	5	34	46			
Relieved . . . . .	7	4	6	6	89	102	191
Not improved . . . . .	3	1	5	1			
Died . . . . .	4	3	27	36			
Remain, Dec. 31, 1868 .	27	21	259	308	286	329	615

Average daily number—Males, 277 ; Females, 327 ; Total, 605.  
Highest number, 626 ; Lowest number, 590.

TABLE II.

ADMISSIONS, RE-ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, & DEATHS, FROM THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM TO THE 31<sup>st</sup> OF DECEMBER, 1868.

	M.	F.	Total.
Persons admitted during the 18½ years . . . . .	1486	1381	2867
Re-admissions . . . . .	251	222	473
Total of cases admitted . . . . .	1737	1603	3340

	M.	F.	Total.
Recovered . . . . .	573	692	1265
Relieved . . . . .	151	103	254
Not improved . . . . .	180	150	330
Died . . . . .	547	329	876

Total discharged and died during the 18½ years	1451	1274	2725
Remaining, December 31, 1868 .	286	329	615
Average numbers resident during the 18½ years	178	204	383



TABLE III.

SHOWING HOW THE PATIENTS REMAINING ON THE 1st OF JANUARY, 1868, FROM EACH YEAR'S ADMISSIONS, WERE DISPOSED OF DURING THAT YEAR.

From the Admissions of	Number of Patients remaining on the 1st January, 1868.			Recovered.			Relieved.			Not improved.			Died.			Remaining of each Year's admissions, December 31, 1868.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
1850	13	18	31										1			12	18	30
1851	4	5	9													4	5	9
1852	2	6	8													2	6	8
1853	5	4	9													5	4	9
1854	1	9	10										1			1	8	9
1855	2	12	14													2	12	14
1856	3	6	9													3	6	9
1857	8	10	18		1	1								1		8	8	16
1858	12	16	28											1		11	15	26
1859	7	8	15					1	1				1	1		6	6	12
1860	4	12	16											2		4	10	14
1861	16	15	31										1	2		15	13	28
1862	15	23	38		1	1		1	1					3		15	18	33
1863	13	25	38											2		12	23	35
1864	31	29	60		1	1		1	1	2			3	2		26	25	51
1865	31	27	58	1	2	3		1	1	1	1		5	3		25	20	45
1866	44	40	84		2	2				4			4	4		36	34	70
1867	59	55	114	16	16	32	6	1	7				5	7	12	32	31	63
	270	320	590	17	23	40	6	5	11	6	1	7	22	29	51	219	262	481

TABLE IV.—SHOWING THE ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND  
PROPORTION OF RECOVERIES FOR EACH YEAR.

YEARS.	Admitted.			DISCHARGED.									Died.		
				Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.					
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
1850	112	95	207	6	3	9	1	0	1	5	0	5	7	3	10
1851	89	87	176	21	27	48	2	4	6	5	5	10	20	11	31
1852	58	62	120	15	31	46	8	7	15	15	14	29	24	13	37
1853	87	87	174	31	42	73	4	3	7	12	6	18	32	15	47
1854	71	70	141	30	37	67	7	9	16	11	11	22	28	18	46
1855	56	66	122	31	28	59	5	6	11	7	7	14	18	10	28
1856	78	48	126	33	24	57	7	4	11	14	4	18	19	12	31
1857	98	56	154	29	28	57	11	0	11	7	3	10	28	12	40
1858	92	74	166	44	35	79	7	5	12	9	5	14	19	17	36
1859	58	60	118	28	41	69	4	6	10	17	16	33	25	13	38
1860	67	61	128	20	20	40	2	2	4	14	8	22	23	18	41
1861	68	74	142	21	24	45	7	5	12	6	17	23	21	9	30
1862	100	99	199	17	29	46	5	9	14	9	6	15	35	15	50
1863	104	107	211	34	40	74	6	5	11	7	5	12	35	15	50
1864	103	105	208	33	40	73	13	10	23	4	9	13	37	28	65
1865	116	119	235	34	56	90	17	6	23	16	18	34	43	26	69
1866	137	126	263	52	77	129	16	7	23	7	11	18	48	31	79
1867	138	96	234	57	59	116	16	5	21	7	3	10	54	24	78
1868	105	111	216	37	51	88	13	10	23	8	2	10	31	39	70
Totals and Average per Centages.	1737	1603	3340	573	692	1265	151	103	254	180	150	330	547	329	876

# DEATHS, WITH THE MEAN ANNUAL MORTALITY AND YEAR SINCE THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM.

Remain from each Year's Admissions, December 31, 1868.			Average Numbers Resident.			Per-Centage of Recoveries on Admissions.			Per-Centage of Deaths on average numbers Resident.			YEARS.
M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	
12	18	30	76	71	148	5.3	3.1	4.3	9.2	4.2	6.7	1850
4	5	9	122	119	242	23.5	31.0	27.2	16.3	9.2	12.8	1851
2	6	8	134	135	269	25.8	50.0	38.3	17.9	9.7	13.7	1852
5	4	9	132	139	272	35.6	48.2	41.9	24.2	10.7	17.2	1853
1	8	9	134	148	283	42.2	52.8	47.5	20.8	12.1	16.2	1854
2	12	14	128	152	281	55.3	42.4	48.3	14.	6.5	9.9	1855
3	6	9	136	159	295	42.3	50.	46.1	14.8	7.5	10.5	1856
8	8	16	143	169	312	29.5	50.	39.7	19.5	7.1	12.8	1857
11	15	26	164	181	345	47.7	47.2	47.5	11.5	9.3	10.4	1858
6	6	12	169	184	353	46.5	68.3	58.4	14.7	7.	10.7	1859
4	10	14	156	179	335	29.8	32.7	31.2	14.7	10.	12.3	1860
15	13	28	169	191	361	30.8	32.4	31.6	12.4	4.7	8.3	1861
15	18	33	182	218	400	17.	29.2	23.1	19.2	6.8	12.2	1862
12	23	35	221	263	485	32.6	37.3	35.	15.8	5.7	10.3	1863
26	25	51	237	296	534	32.	38.	35.	15.6	9.4	12.1	1864
25	20	45	252	315	567	29.3	47.	38.2	17.	8.	12.1	1865
36	34	70	268	322	590	37.9	61.1	49.5	17.9	9.6	13.7	1866
32	31	63	281	323	605	41.3	61.4	51.3	19.2	7.4	13.3	1867
67	67	134	277	327	605	35.2	45.9	40.7	11.2	11.9	11.5	1868
286	329	615	178	204	383	33.6	43.5	38.6	16.	8.2	11.9	Totals and Average per Centages.



TABLE V.—SHEWING THE HISTORY OF THE ANNUAL ADMISSIONS SINCE THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM, WITH THE DISCHARGES AND DEATHS, AND THE NUMBERS OF EACH YEAR REMAINING ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1868.

Years.	ADMITTED.			TOTAL DISCHARGED AND DIED OF EACH YEAR'S ADMISSIONS.										REMAINING							
	New Cases.			Relapsed Cases.			Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.			Died.			Total.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
1850.	112	95	207	—	—	—	18	22	40	2	2	4	17	9	26	63	44	107	12	18	30
1851	85	87	176	4	—	—	19	27	46	5	5	10	17	17	34	44	33	77	4	5	9
1852	55	62	120	3	—	—	23	29	52	6	8	14	11	12	23	16	7	23	2	6	8
1853	79	78	174	8	9	17	32	48	80	9	8	17	10	11	21	31	16	47	5	4	9
1854	57	63	141	14	7	21	26	33	59	8	7	15	14	11	25	21	11	32	1	8	9
1855	49	60	122	7	6	13	28	28	56	4	5	9	5	7	12	17	14	31	2	12	14
1856	68	39	126	10	9	19	36	26	62	7	2	9	13	6	19	19	8	27	3	6	9
1857	83	51	154	15	5	20	34	31	65	9	1	10	9	3	12	38	13	51	8	8	16
1858	79	69	166	13	5	18	44	34	78	7	6	13	9	6	15	21	13	34	11	15	26
1859	52	47	118	6	13	19	15	30	45	4	9	13	9	5	14	24	10	34	6	6	12
1860	58	51	128	9	10	19	24	20	44	6	5	11	12	11	23	21	15	36	4	10	14
1861	59	62	142	9	12	21	19	33	52	3	5	8	5	7	12	26	16	42	15	13	28
1862	94	87	199	6	12	18	24	37	61	8	6	14	17	16	33	36	22	58	15	18	33
1863	90	100	211	14	7	21	39	45	84	9	10	19	5	7	12	39	22	61	12	23	35
1864	92	95	208	11	10	21	32	42	74	11	7	18	7	6	13	27	25	52	26	25	51
1865	107	102	235	9	17	26	44	66	110	16	4	20	5	11	16	26	18	44	25	20	45
1866	131	124	263	6	2	8	38	65	103	14	4	18	9	4	13	40	19	59	36	34	70
1867	130	93	234	8	3	11	58	48	106	16	4	20	4	—	4	29	13	42	33	31	63
1868	103	105	216	2	6	8	20	28	48	7	5	12	2	1	3	9	10	19	67	67	134
	1583	1470	3340	154	133	3340	573	692	1265	151	103	254	180	150	330	547	329	876	286	329	615



TABLE V.—*continued.*

	M.	F.	Total.
Total Admissions—1850–68 . .	1737	1603	3340
Per-centage of Cases Recovered .	32·98	43·17	37·88
„ „ Relieved .	8·69	6·43	7·60
„ „ Not Improved .	10·36	9·36	9·88
„ „ Dead .	31·50	20·52	26·22
„ „ Remaining .	16·47	20·52	18·42
	100·	100·	100·

TABLE VI.

SHOWING THE CAUSES OF DEATH DURING  
THE YEAR.

	M.	F.	Total.
Apoplexy and Paralysis . . . .	3	1	4
Epilepsy and Convulsions . . . .	5	8	13
General Paralysis . . . . .	13	11	24
Softening of the Brain . . . . .	1	—	1
Maniacal and Melancholic Decay . . . .	3	5	8
Inflammation of Lungs and Bronchi . .	5	3	8
Pulmonary Congestion . . . . .	—	1	1
Ditto Consumption . . . . .	1	3	4
Cancer of Liver . . . . .	—	1	1
Psoas Abscess . . . . .	—	1	1
Diarrhœa . . . . .	—	1	1
Erysipelas . . . . .	—	2	2
Caries of Bones . . . . .	—	1	1
Suffocation in a fit . . . . .	—	1	1
	31	39	70

Average age at death—males 47, females 40.

TABLE VII.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN THOSE DISCHARGED  
RECOVERED, AND IN THOSE WHO HAVE DIED  
DURING THE YEAR.

	Recovered.			Died.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Under one month .	3	3	6	6	7	13
From 1 to 3 months .	10	16	26	2	3	5
„ 3 „ 6 „ .	12	15	27	1	1	2
„ 6 „ 9 „ .	7	5	12	2	2	4
„ 9 „ 12 „ .	2	1	3	—	—	—
„ 1 „ 2 years .	2	5	7	6	4	10
„ 2 „ 3 „ .	—	2	2	2	5	7
„ 3 „ 5 „ .	1	2	3	7	5	12
„ 5 „ 7 „ .	—	1	1	1	6	7
„ 7 „ 10 „ .	—	—	—	2	3	5
„ 10 „ 12 „ .	—	1	1	1	2	3
„ 12 „ 15 „ .	—	—	—	—	1	1
„ 15 „ 20 „ .	—	—	—	1	—	1
	37	51	88	31	39	70

TABLE VIII.

STATE OF THE PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM  
JANUARY 1, 1869.

As to probability of Recovery				{ Curable .	33	47	80
				{ Incurable .	253	282	535
					286	329	615
Social State . . .				{ Married .	105	117	222
				{ Single .	167	172	339
				{ Widowed .	14	40	54
					286	329	615
Epileptics . . . . .					76	87	163
Paralytics . . . . .					23	15	38
Congenital Imbeciles . . . . .					19	14	33
Criminal Lunatics . . . . .					1	3	4

TABLE IX.

FORM OF DISORDER IN THE 216 CASES ADMITTED  
IN 1868.

	M.	F.	Total.
Mania . . . . .	59	63	122
Mania, with Paralysis . . . . .	8	1	9
Mania, with Epilepsy . . . . .	5	7	12
Melancholia , . . . .	6	16	22
Dementia . . . . .	12	5	17
Dementia, with Paralysis . . . . .	—	4	4
Dementia, with Epilepsy . . . . .	8	12	20
Congenital Imbecility . . . . .	3	2	5
Congenital Imbecility, with Paralysis . . . . .	1	—	1
Congenital Imbecility, with Epilepsy . . . . .	3	1	4
	105	111	216

TABLE X.

## AGES OF THE 216 PATIENTS.

	M.	F.	Total.
Under 15 . . . . .	1	3	4
From 15 to 20 . . . . .	9	6	15
„ 20 „ 25 . . . . .	13	9	22
„ 25 „ 30 . . . . .	8	21	29
„ 30 „ 35 . . . . .	17	8	25
„ 35 „ 40 . . . . .	17	14	31
„ 40 „ 45 . . . . .	12	15	27
„ 45 „ 50 . . . . .	10	9	19
„ 50 „ 55 . . . . .	6	10	16
„ 55 „ 60 . . . . .	2	7	9
„ 60 „ 65 . . . . .	6	5	11
„ 65 „ 70 . . . . .	3	2	5
Above 70 . . . . .	1	2	3
	105	111	216





TABLE XII.

## CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

Social State	{	Married	.	.	.	.	M.	F.	Total.
							43	56	99
		Single	.	.	.	.	53	38	91
		Widowed	.	.	.	.	9	17	26
							105	111	216
Able to Read and Write	.	.	.	.	.	.	76	62	138
Able to Read only	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	12	19
Uneducated or unascertained	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	37	59
							105	111	216
Established Church	.	.	.	.	.	.	73	82	155
Protestant Dissenters	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	17	35
Roman Catholics	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	9	21
Jewish	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	5
							105	111	216

TABLE XIII.

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION OF THE PATIENTS  
ADMITTED IN 1868.

	M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total
Tradesmen and				Jail Warder	1	—	1
Shopkeepers .	7	—	7	Pensioner .	1	—	1
Wives of ditto.	—	8	8	Surveyor .	1	—	1
Mechanics and				Servants .	—	9	9
Artizans .	52	8	60	Teachers .	—	5	5
Wives of ditto	—	35	35	Needleworkers	—	6	6
Clerks .	5	—	5	Laundress .	—	1	1
Lawyer .	1	—	1	Nurses .	—	2	2
Porters .	4	—	4	In-door Paupers	14	15	29
Labourers .	7	—	7	No Employment	9	20	29
Circus Agent	1	—	1				
Hawkers .	2	2	4		105	111	216

# Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

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## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

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TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS OF THE BOROUGH  
LUNATIC ASYLUM, BIRMINGHAM.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my *eleventh* annual report of my labours as Chaplain to your valuable Institution, I have great pleasure in stating that the moral and religious condition of the Asylum is upon the whole very satisfactory.

The order of the daily religious services in the chapel has been the same as reported in former years, and I am gratified that I am enabled to report that the chapel is filled for the greater part with attentive and devout worshippers.

In my weekly visitations to the patients in the galleries, I have availed myself of the opportunities presented of affording religious instruction and consolation to the inmates, and which I have invariably found to be most willingly and gratefully received.

I need hardly to assure the Committee that I continue to take a deep interest in the happiness and spiritual welfare of my peculiar but most interesting ministerial charge, requiring, as it does, not only affectionate fidelity in the discharge of duty accompanied by considerable tact and knowledge of human nature, but more especially of the peculiar traits of character and disposition manifested by the various classes of inmates of an Asylum, in order to render the instruction suitable to the wants of the great variety of persons placed under my care as Chaplain; for I have found that the kind of instruction which is well adapted to one class of patients, is

altogether unsuited to the mental condition of others. Hence the desirability of a careful study of character, in order to become acquainted, as far as possible, not only with the actual condition of mind of the individual at the present time, but to ascertain, as far as convenient, the former habit of life and the amount of mental culture received before insanity manifested itself; and my experience gained during the eleven years I have been Chaplain to your Institution has taught me that, by careful observation of the various phases of character brought under my notice, I am enabled much more effectually to adopt the instruction for the benefit of the inmates, which, while it largely contributes to the restoration of the balance of the mental faculties, elevates the moral tone and spiritual condition of the patients, and consequently conduces to their happiness and welfare.

I am happy to report that the Library provided for the use of the inmates of the Asylum continues to be a valuable auxiliary, not only to the instruction I am enabled to afford, but it furnishes an agreeable occupation to the patients and attendants when not engaged in industrial pursuits, the benefits of which cannot be too highly estimated, tending as they do to soothe the mind and strengthen the intellect, and so facilitate the restoration of the afflicted inmates to a sound and healthy condition of mind.

In conclusion, I beg to acknowledge the willing and hearty co-operation I have met with, both from the superior officers and attendants, while in the discharge of my ministerial duties.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) CHARLES BRITTAIN,

*Chaplain.*

*Winson Green,*

*February 5th, 1869.*

